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IT is not here our Intention, either to ſtand up for the PAPISTS againſt the *Kings Witneſſes*; Or to help out at a dead Lift the *Kings Witneſſes* againſt the PAPISTS; No, nor to Reconcile the Differences ariſing amongſt the ſaid *Witneſſes* themſelves: But only to ſet forth the bare Matter of Fact in two or three Particulars, for ſatisfaction of the Curious; leaving to each Party concern'd, the libertie of his own Defence, And to the *Reader*, (whether *Whig* or *Tory*,) the freedom of his own Judgement.

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The Reciprocal Teſtimonies of the Kings chief Evidence of the Popiſh Plot *in relation to one another. Extracted out of the ſeveral* Depoſitions *made by them at the* Tryal *of* Stephen Colledge *at* Oxford *on the* 17. *of* Auguſt, 81.

Doctor *Oates*'s Depoſition againſt Mr. *Turbervil.*

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A *Little before the Witneſſes againſt* St. Colledge *were ſworn at the* Old-Baily, *I* (Titus Oates) *askt Mr.* Turbervil *whether he was a Witneſs againſt* Colledge *or no? He ſaid, he would break any ones Head that ſhould ſay ſo of him; for he neither was a Witneſs, nor could give any Evidence againſt him: But afterwards ſeeing Mr* Turbervil *again, I askt him if he had ſworn any thing againſt* Colledge? *He anſwerd,* Yes; For the Proteſtant Citizens have deſerted us and God Damn him, he would not ſtarve.

Upon the word of a Prieſt what I ſay is true; as I am a Miniſter of the Goſpel, I ſpeak it ſincerely in the preſence of God, this Gentleman did ſay theſe very words, and often repeated them to me, which made me affraid of the Man; I went my ways, and never ſpake with him afterwards, nor durſt I, for I thought he that would ſwear and curſe at that rate, was not fit to be talk'd with.

Mr. Turbervil's *Depoſition againſt* Doctor Oates.

Coll. Tryal. pag.48

A Little before the Witneſſes againſt *Colledge* were ſworn at the *Old Baily*, I (*Edward Turbervil*) met Dr. *Oates* juſt at my Lodgings; And the Dr. alighted out of his Coach and ſpoke to me, and invited me to come to my old Friends, for he told me, they had ſome jealouſy that I was not true to them; And he told me, that if I would come to the *King's Head* Club, I ſhould be receiv'd with a great deal of kindneſs; And never afterwards did I ſpeak with the Doctor a tittle about any Evidence. But that I ſhould affirm *I would break any ones Head that ſhould ſay I was an* Evidence *againſt* Colledge, *for I neither was, nor could be any* Evidence *againſt him*, there was no ſuch thing ſaid by me; Nor did I tell *Oates*, the *Proteſtant Citizens have deſerted us, & God Damn me I would not ſtarve*; No upon my Oath I did not.

And indeed I always look'd upon Dr. *Oats* as a very ill Man, & never would converſe much with him.

Doctor *Oates*'s Deposition against *Stephen Dugdale*.

Coll. Tryal, pag.49

MR. Dugdale *after he came from* Oxon *told me there was a great noise of his being an Evidence against my L.* Shaftsbury, *and others; But (said he) there is no body hath any cause to make any such reports of Me; for I take God to witness I know nothing against any* Protestant *in* England. *After this, meeting* Dugdale *again at* Rich. Coffee-house; *said I, you have gone I am affraid against your Conscience, I am sure against what you have declar'd to me. Said he, It was all long of Coll.* Walcup, *for I could get no Mony else; And he promis'd I should have a place in the* Custom-house.

One thing more; Dugdale *gave out he was Poison'd by the* Papists; *and this Sham pass'd throughout the Kingdom; But in truth it was the* Pox, *as I will make appear by the* *Physician that cured him.*

*Doct. Lower

Stephen Dugdale's *Deposition against* Doctor Oates.

Ibid. pag.28

UPon the Oath I have taken, and as I hope for Salvation, what Doctor *Oates* hath here attested of my saying to him after I came from *Oxon*, upon the Report spread about Town of my being an *Evidence* against the Lord *Shaftsbury* and others; That no body had any cause to make any such reports of me, And that I call'd God to witness I knew nothing against any Protestant in *England*; and also of my saying afterwards to him at *Richard*'s Coffee-house, that what I had sworn before the Grand-Jury at *Oxford*, was all long of Coll. *Walcop*, for I could get no Money else; And he promis'd I should have a place in the *Custom-house*; Is not True.

And I say farther, if any Physician will come forth, and say he cur'd me of a Clap, or any such thing, I will stand guilty of all that is imputed to me.

Doctor *Oates*'s Deposition against Mr. *Smith*.

Coll. Tryal, pag.49

MR. Smith *coming out of* Richard's Coffee-house, *swore*, God Damn him he would have *Colledges* Blood. *So when I* (Titus Oates) *met him; said I, Mr.* Smith, *You have been a* Priest,

Mr. Smith's *Deposition against Doctor* Oates.

Ibidem Pag.28

I (*John Smith*) came in voluntarily to Discover the *Popish Plot*, and was the Darling at one time all over the City when I would adhere to what they would have me to

Priest, and stood at the Altar, and now you intend to take upon you the Ministry of the Church *of* England; *And these words do not become a Minister of the Gospel. His reply was,* God Dam the Gospel; *and away he went.* **This is Truth; I speak it in the presence of God and Man.**

do. At my Lord *Stafford's* Tryal they did not question my Reputation. And as to what Doctor *Oates* now attesteth against me, not one word of it is true, upon my Oath. 'Tis a wonderful thing, Dr. *you should say this of Me; But I will sufficiently prove it against you, that you have both confounded the* Gospel, *& deny'd the* Divinity too.

Inferences deduced from the Premises, by Mr. Attourney General, *Mr.* Sollicitor General, *and Sir* G. Jeffreys.

Mr. Attorney General.

Coll. Tryal, pag. 50 *IT is an unhappy thing, that Dr.* Oates *should come in against these Men that supported his Evidence before.*

Mr. Sollicitor General.

pag. 90 *DOctor* Oates's *going about to Disparage the Evidence, which in great measure verify'd the Truth of that Discovery which himself first made of the* Popish Plot, *looks as if he were again returning to St.* Omers.

Sir *George Jeffreys.*

MR *Oates* I confess hath said, in *Verbo Sacerdotis* strange things against *Dugdale, Smith* and *Turbervil*; But if these Men have not sworn true, I am sure Mr. *Oates* must stand alone in the greatest Point: And know, (Gentlemen of the Jury,) If *Dugdale, Smith* and *Turbervil* be not to be believ'd, you trip up the heels of all the Evidence and Discovery of the Popish Plot.

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A succinct Narrative *of the Bloody Murder of Sir* Edmondbury Godfrey *by the* Papists; *With the various and Wonderful Circumstances of the* Motives, Manner, Time, Place, Persons, &c. *relating to the said Murder, Faithfully collected out of the several respective Depositions given upon Oath before the House of Lords by Captain* William Bedloe, *and Mr.* Miles Prance, *To the Amazement and Horrour of all* True Protestants.

Capt. *Bedloe's* Depositions.

Lords Journ. 1. THe *Papists*, because Sir *Edmondbury* seem'd to be an obstacle to them, and had taken the Information of *Oates* & *Tonge* about the *Plot*, resolv'd and contriv'd to take away his Life.

Ibidem 2. Pursuant to which Design, they hir'd for 4000 *l. Le Phaire*, *Walsh*, *Atkins*, *Pritchard*, the *Deponent*, and some *Jesuits*, to do the Fact.

Ibidem 3. Accordingly, the above-nam'd Persons Trepan'd Sir *Edmondbury* into *Somerset-house* about Five a Clock at night on *Saturday* the 12*th.* of *October*.

Counc. Journ. 4. This Trepan was effected thus; The *Deponent* was told by *Le Phaire*, that *He*, *Walsh* and *Atkins* met Sir *Edmondbury* near the *Kings-head Inne* in the *Strand*, and decoy'd him into *Somerset-house*, under pretence

Mr. *Prance's* Depositions.

Lords Journ. 1. THe Papists, *because Sir* Edmondbury *seem'd an Enemy to the* Queens Servants, *& would not consent to discharge one* Gerald *from Parish Duties, (as another Justice did,) resolv'd and contriv'd to take away's life.*

Ibidem 2. *Pursuant to which Design, they hired (for what Reward the* Deponent *doth not know,)* Hill, Green, Kelly, *the* Deponent, Gerald *and* Berry *to do the Fact.*

Ibidem 3. *Accordingly the above-nam'd Persons Trepan'd Sir* Edmondbury *into* Somerset-house *about* 8 *or* 9 *a Clock at night; But the* Deponent *doth not well remember the Day.*

Lords Journ. 4. *This Trepan was effected thus.* Green *gave the* Deponent *notice that* He *and* Gerald *had sett Sir* Edmondbury *in St.* Clements; *And* Hill *decoy'd him down the* Water-gate, *under pretence of parting a Fray between two Fel-*

Lords Journ. 5. When they had him in the upper great Court of *Somerſet-houſe*, They thruſt him into a low Room, put a Piſtol to him, threatned him if he made a noiſe; then ſtifled him between two Pillows; And finding him ſtill alive, ſtrangled him with a long *Cravet* in the *Room* where he lay.

Ibidem 6. On the *Monday* following preciſely between 9 and 10 a Clock at night, the Body was ſhewn to the *Deponent* by *Le Phaire* in the *Room* or the next to it where the Duke of *Albemarle* lay in State in the upper ſquare Court; There it was by the help of a *dark Lanthorn* the *Deponent* ſaw the Body in the preſence of *Le Phaire*, *Walſh*, *Atkins*, and Two other Perſons.

Ibidem 7. On the ſame *Monday* at 9 a Clock at night the dead Body was carry'd out through the *great Gate* by certain *Chair-men* (Retainers to *Somerſet-Houſe*,) whoſe Perſons were unknown to the *Deponent*; Theſe perſons carry'd him in a Chair to the corner of *Clarendon Houſe*, and from thence convey'd him in a Coach to *Primroſe Hill*, where they made a Wound in his Body, and laid his Sword by his ſide.

Lords Journ. 5. *When they had him near the Rails by the* Queens Stables, Green *ſtrangled him with a twiſted Handkerchief; Then finding him ſtill alive, wrung his Neck quite round, and punch'd him with his Knee in the open Yard; Which done, they dragg'd him into Doctor* Goddin's *Lodgings.*

Ibidem 6. *On the* Monday *following preciſely between* 9 *&* 10 *a Clock at night, the Body was ſhewn to the* Deponent *by* Hill, Green, *and* Gerald, *in a Room in the back Square Court below Stairs next the Garden. There it was by the help of a Dark Lanthorn, the* Deponent *ſaw the Body in the company of the ſaid* Hill, Green, *and* Gerald, *who were only preſent.*

Ibidem 7. *On the next* Wedneſday *after about* 12 *a Clock at Night, the Dead Body was put into a* Sedan, *and carry'd out by the* Deponent *and* Gerald *into* Covent Garden, *where* Green *and* Kelly *took him up, and carry'd him to* Long Acre; *There the* Deponent *and* Gerald *reſumed their Burden, and carry'd him to the* Sohoe; *from thence he was convey'd aſtride on* Horſe-back *behind* Hill *into the Fields, where they thruſt his Sword through his Body, and caſt him into a Ditch*

A Twofold Protestation of Mr. MILES PRANCE, concerning the Murder of Sir Edmondbury Godfrey.

His Protestation made in a Solemn manner, April 14. (82.) *being* Good Friday, *Immediately preceding the Feast of Easter, wherein he Receiv'd the* Holy Sacrament *at his Parish-Church.*

WHereas some bold and Ill Men have several times by various but different Suggestions, and particularly, more openly of late, pretended they are able to Disprove the Account I have given from my Personal knowledge of the Murder of Sir *E.B.G.* Wherein with unspeakable grief (though yet not without a firm belief of forgiveness from Almighty God upon unfeigned Repentance, as well as the grant of His most Gracious Majesty my Earthly Sovereign's Pardon) I acknowlede my self most wickedly drawn in, and concerned.

Now I the said *Miles Prance,* do hereby in the presence of the All-seeing and Heart-searching God, and of all Holy Angels and Good Men, Solemnly and Sincerely avow and declare, that whatever I formerly deposed upon Oath, and set forth touching the Manner and Circumstances (as far as the same fell within my knowledge) of the said Sir *E.B.G.*'s Murder, is most punctually and Religiously true:

And as to all and every part of this my Solemn Protestation, as I do hereby under my hand most seriously aver and avow it, so in farther Confirmation of the Truth thereof do I resolve (with God's Help and Permission) to receive the *Holy Sa-*

His Protestation made first before Capt. *Richardson* in *Newgate,* and then before the *King* and *Council,* soon after his first Discovery in *December* 1678. Reduced into Form.

WHereas by the Suggestion of the Devil, Worldly Interest, and my own Malice, I Miles Prance *most wickedly devised an horrid Story of the Murder of Sir* E. B. G. *wherein being before hand sufficiently secured both of His Majesty's Pardon for the pretended Crime, and of Reward for the Discovery, I feigned my self a Party, the better to gain credit to my Damnable Forgery.*

Now I the said Miles Prance *do with unspeakable grief (though yet not without a firm belief of Forgiveness from Almighty God upon sincere Repentance) hereby in the presence of the All-seeing and Heart-searching God, and of all Holy Angels and Good Men, Solemnly and Sincerely declare, that whatever I deposed upon Oath, relating either to my own Knowledge and concurrence in the said Murder of Sir* E. B. G. *or to any other Person or Circumstance touching the same, is, in the whole, and every part thereof false, and the meer groundless product of my own Deviliſh Invention.*

For all which my detestable wickedness as with a repentant heart I crave the mercy of God, so do I humbly beg Pardon of the King, and Forgiveness of those whom by my Hellish Malice, I have so hainously and unjustly Accused.